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**CONNIE CHAMPNOISE NAMED REGIONAL MANAGER
FOR CPS HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES CENTRAL REGION**

Madison, WI -- Connie Champnoise has been named Regional Manager for the CPS Human Resource Services Central Region, based in Madison, Wisconsin. Champnoise, most recently a Principal Management Consultant for CPS, is responsible for providing service to existing CPS clients and developing new business in the public, nonprofit and higher education sectors. The Central Region covers 12 states in the Midwest.

Champnoise has worked in human resources during a career that has spanned 20 years in the public and private sectors. Her broad HR experience includes recruitment and selection, compensation and benefits, labor and employee relations, strategic planning, organizational design, policy development, training, and development. "Connie's experience and depth of knowledge will be a huge asset to our clients, who depend on CPS to deliver quality products and services to improve their HR systems," said Bob Lavigna, Senior Manager for the CPS Client Services Group.

During her career, Connie has held several high-level positions in Wisconsin, including Human Resources Manager for the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services, Human Resources Manager of the City of New Berlin, Vice President of Human Resources for UPC Health Network, and Executive Director of Human Resources for Northern Computers, Inc. She has experience in workforce planning as a result of mergers and acquisitions; and has led organizational and cultural change resulting from rapid growth, budget shortfalls and market force changes.

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“Connie brings a wide range of HR expertise. Her vision and wide scope of experience further enhance the ability of CPS to deliver responsive and high-quality service,” added Lavigna.

The CPS Central region includes Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

Connie has Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees in Industrial and Labor Relations, both from the University of Wisconsin.

Champnoise can be reached at the Madison office at (608) 442-5000 or cchampnoise@cps.ca.gov.

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About CPS Human Resource Services

As a government agency, CPS is helping to improve human resources in the public and nonprofit sectors. CPS provides a full range of HR management and consulting, examination, certification, licensing, and executive search services to more than 1000 local, state, and federal government agencies, public utilities, associations, nonprofits, and other organizations throughout North America.

CPS Human Resource Services has more than 10 offices across the country. CPS is governed by a 10-member public agency board of directors: City of Anaheim; California State Personnel Board; East Bay Municipal Utilities District; Hayward, Unified School District; City of Las Vegas; City University of New York; Sacramento County; City/County of San Francisco; Sonoma County; and Wisconsin Office of State Employment Relations.

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